

Department of the Prosecuting Attorney Seeks Public Comment on Federal Grant Application by June 23, 2009.

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The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney is applying for federal grant funding under the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Solicitation. A requirement of the U.S. Department of Justice is that the application is made available for public review. Accordingly, we are providing a program description and proposed budget for the grant in the amount of \$85,680. The grant requires no matching funds from the County and allows the recipient agency four years to expend the funds.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND BUDGETED AMOUNTS

As reflected in the Annual Uniform Crime Reports of the Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii, Maui County's total Index and property crime rate in 2007 was the highest in the State. Maui County's violent Index Crime rate increased 11.7% over the course of the decade ending in 2007, very close to the 10.7% rise in population between the years 2000 and 2007. This population increase is almost double the increase within the State as a whole, 5.9% within the same time frame. It is estimated that Maui's island population at the end of 2008 was 143,691. By 2030, Maui Department of Planning projects that Maui's population will increase to 186,252. This is a 1.68% annual growth rate, for a total of approximately 42% increase in population over the 25 year period between 2005 and 2030. These projections indicate a population increase of 16% between 2010 and 2020, and an increase of 14.2% between 2020 and 2030. Violent Crime has very closely trended upward paralleling population growth. Traditional prosecution provides consequences to criminal behavior. These consequences, although having some deterrent value, do not necessarily directly address the underlying personal character issues of perpetrators, or the environmental and cultural influences that contribute to the perpetration of the criminal activity. Addressing these issues has been beyond the scope and ability of this department's employees. However, the Prosecuting Attorney regularly attends a number of interagency meetings and gatherings, whose function is to address some part of the problem. These include Maui County Children's Justice Committee (MCCJC), Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF), Women Helping Women, and Adult Client Services of the State Probation Department. There are many other government and non-government agencies and organizations which provide a variety of services to segments of the population which have little coordinated activity with this Department.

The Department, in light of the almost certain increase in community violence as a function of rising population, finds it beneficial and necessary to extend its efforts into non-traditional prosecution activities, that is, a more proactive community violence prevention strategy. Due to its shortage of manpower to engage in these efforts, it hereby seeks to acquire funding to hire a full time Community Violence Program Manager. This position has recently been established in Hawaii County which has shared the position description and class specifications with the Maui Department of Personnel Services who have concurred that such a position, with the same scope

of work could be created for Maui County. The Community Violence Program Manager will oversee and/or plan, develop, implement, the Department's Community Violence Program. He/she will develop, evaluate, revise, and implement policies, standards, operating procedures, goals, and objectives; coordinate violence prevention efforts between County departments, community organizations, and service providers such as those mentioned, but not limited to, those above. The Community Violence Program Manager will provide advice and consultation to agency heads, supervisors, employees, and the public regarding community violence and the criminal justice system.

In summary, the Community Violence Program Manager will be tasked with obtaining cooperation, input and promoting an effective response to community violence.

In addition to salary and fringe benefits (\$80,743) for the position, the Department requests training and travel funds to send the Community Violence Program Manager to the Annual Conference of National Crime Prevention Council (\$3,000). This training will expose the newly hired Community Violence Manager to best practices in the field of violence prevention. Gaining insight from prevention specialists, establishing professional contacts, and listening to knowledgeable practitioners would enable the Community Violence Program Manager to make the best use of his time in this position. Remaining funds (\$1,937) will be used for supplies.